

## **LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI'S FLAG DAY MESSAGE**

**SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi on Thursday released the following statement in commemoration of Flag Day:**

**"Across our great nation and around the world, the stars and stripes of Old Glory represent hope, liberty, freedom and the democratic way of life. Today I am proud to join every American in celebrating the enduring 'new constellation' of hope and light represented by our stars and stripes for more than two centuries.**

**"Today also is an occasion to pause and honor the men and women of our military for their valiant service. Too often we have done so by lowering Old Glory to half staff, recognizing those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in fulfilling their duty.**

**"We give special thanks to the men and women of the United States Army, which was founded exactly 232 years ago on June 14. In times of conflict, and in times of peace, the Army has served as the backbone of so many of our efforts to secure our nation and our way of life.**

**"The flag and our military are inseparable in their representation of the freedom we Americans enjoy, and the price we pay to ensure it.**

**"As each of us engages in our daily activities today, I ask that you join me in honoring those who serve and protect us each day and in honoring Old Glory, which stands as a beacon of hope to the oppressed, and a symbol of justice to all."**

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